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IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF THE CAYMAN ISLANDS FOR
SHEEP AND GOATS EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES

The animals must be accompanied by a U.S. Origin Health Certificate issued by a veterinarian authorized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and endorsed by a Veterinary Services (VS) veterinarian. The certificate shall contain the name and address of both the consignor and the consignee and complete identification of the animals to be exported. Additional information shall include:

CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS

1. The United States is free of foot-and-mouth disease, rinderpest, and sheep and goat pox.
2. The animals are in good health, physically sound, and free from symptoms of infectious disease, and originated from farms reporting no clinical evidence of bovine spongiform encephalopathy.
3. No diagnosis of scrapie has been made in the flock/herd of origin during the past 30 days prior to shipment.
4. The animals showed no clinical signs of contagious agalactia on the day of shipment and originated from farms where no cases of the disease have been officially reported during the last six months.
5. The animals originated from flocks/herds clinically free of enzootic bovine leukosis (EBL); OR, See Testing Requirement No.5.
6. In the case of goats, the animals showed no clinical evidence of caprine-arthritis encephalitis (CAE) on the day of shipment. (Also see Testing Requirement No.6).
7. The animals originated from areas free of blue tongue; OR See Testing Requirement No.4.
8. The animals were treated with an approved ectoparasiticide within 48 hours of exportation. The date and product used must be noted on the health certificate. (Note: Any shipment containing animals infested with ticks, particularly of the *Amblyomma* species will be denied entry into the country).
9. The animals were negative to a fecal sedimentation test for fascioliasis within 28 days prior to shipment, and were treated for internal parasites (including flukes) between 7 and 14 days prior to shipment. Note date and product used on the health certificate.

TEST REQUIREMENTS

The animal/s was/were tested within 30 days of embarkation to the Cayman Islands with negative results for the following diseases:

1. Tuberculosis: Intradermal tuberculin test. (This test must be conducted within ten (10) days of shipment).
2. Brucellosis: Standard plate test* at 1:50 dilution.
*The National Veterinary Services Laboratories no longer perform the standard tube test for *Brucella melitensis*
3. Leptospirosis: Microtiter agglutination test at 1:400 dilution for *L. pomona*, *L. icterohaemorrhagiae*, *L. grippotyphosa*, *L. hardjo*, *L. canicola*.
4. Bluetongue: Agar gel immunodiffusion (AGID) test; or ELISA test; OR See Certification Statement No.7.
5. Bovine leukosis: AGID test; or ELISA test; OR, See Certification Statement No.5.
6. CAE (goats only): For animals over one (1) year old, AGID test; OR other approved test.

OTHER INFORMATION

1. The animals must be accompanied by an import permit issued by the Chief Agricultural and Veterinary Officer, Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 459, Georgetown, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands. Telephone: 809-949-2222, Fax: 809-945-1476.
2. On arrival at Georgetown or Owen Roberts Airport, which shall be the sole ports of entry, the animals shall be examined by an inspector, who, at his discretion, may order detention in quarantine or refuse permission for the animal to be landed.

EMBARKATION STATEMENT

At the port of embarkation, a VS port veterinarian shall attach to the U.S. Origin Health Certificate, the Certificate of Inspection of Export Animals (VS Form 17-37) showing:

1. The name and address of the consignor.
2. The name and address of the consignee.
3. The number and species of animals to be shipped.

4. A statement that the animals have been given a careful veterinary inspection at the port of embarkation and found free from evidence of communicable disease and exposure thereto within 24 hours of exportation.